

that year. Potter asked him what was up and Cosic told him he was tired, he'd gone to bed about 3 or 4 in the morning the past few weeks. Potter asked him why.

Unknown to Potter, Cosic stayed up translating the Book of Mormon into Croatian. "It's something he thought was worthwhile and he had to do."

Potter remembers Cosic coming in his BYU office and debating tactics of the game, arguing strategy.

The bottom line was to give him the ball.

He was such a good passer you wanted him to have the ball in his hands.

When Cosic returned to Zadar, Yugoslavia, to coach, he invited Potter to visit him three times. One day Cosic called Potter and asked him to come to Zadar and help him with a coaching problem.

"What is it?" Potter asked.

"Coach, I don't know what to tell the guards to do."

Potter about keeled over laughing. "All those times in my office, arguing."

Cosic ended up a European hero, opening the door for foreign athletes in American colleges and the NBA. Aside from filling the new Marriott Center night after night in the early '70s, his influence was global. Those who learned at his hand or were influenced by Cosic include Drazen Petrovic, Toni Kukoc, Dino Radja and Vlade Divac—all players on Yugoslavia's 1984 Olympic team coached and handpicked by Cosic.

In his final years, working in Washington, D.C., as ambassador, Cosic worked to dispel misunderstandings about Croatia and Bosnia and the Serbian war waging in his native country.

Cosic told then Deseret News Washington correspondent Lee Davidson he'd like to get back into coaching basketball someday but wasn't sure if it was in the cards, with the cancer and all.

"But it is what I would like to do, not necessarily what I will do. You never know what will happen. My country may need me to do something more. Or maybe God will have other ideas."

He was right. Within six months of that interview, he died.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENT

##### A TRIBUTE TO VERMONT'S OLYMPIANS

• Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of the Vermonters participating in the recent Winter Olympics in Turin, Italy. These Olympians proudly follow a long line of Vermonters competing at the highest levels of winter sports.

Three Vermonters made particularly extraordinary impressions in Turin: Hannah Teter, Bud Keene, and Lindsey Jacobellis.

Hannah Teter, of Belmont, VT, was the first Vermonter to medal in Turin when she earned the gold in the women's halfpipe competition. Hannah is very much a product of Vermont, growing up amidst the beauty of the Green Mountains in a family that embraced the outdoors. More importantly, Hannah was raised on homemade maple syrup, one of Vermont's most treasured products.

In her halfpipe competition in Turin, despite already holding a comfortable lead, Hannah won the gold medal with

a bold and inspired final run. Though I will not pretend to perfectly understand terms like front-side 900, I can tell you that Hannah's snowboarding acrobatics were some of the most impressive athletic sights I have ever seen.

Coaching Hannah to her success was Bud Keene of Moscow, VT, the U.S. Olympic snowboard team's halfpipe coach. Bud was an avid snowboarder long before the sport was included in the Olympics. Bud coached at Mount Mansfield before becoming an assistant snowboarding coach during the 2002 Olympics. Bud was named the head halfpipe coach for the 2006 Olympics and he led the team to a remarkable performance: the U.S. won an amazing two gold medals and two silver medals in the men's and women's halfpipe competitions. Bud deserves a lot of credit for the unparalleled success of the American snowboarding team at this year's games.

Vermont's second Olympic medal also came in snowboarding when Lindsey Jacobellis of Stratton, VT, earned the silver medal in the women's snowboardcross. As many know, snowboardcross is a dangerous and difficult event that requires snowboarders to navigate a narrow 1,000-yard course while avoiding the three other competitors trying to navigate the terrain at the same time. Lindsey survived two of these incredible races just to qualify for the final medal heat, where she emerged with a silver medal in a race so challenging that two of her competitors crashed and one left the course on a stretcher.

In addition to Hannah, Lindsey, and Bud, I would like to commend the other Vermonters who traveled to Turin for the Olympics. These accomplished men and women include snowboarder Kelly Clark of Mount Snow, cross-country skier Andrew Johnson of Greensboro, freestyle skier Hannah Kearney of Norwich, alpine skier Chip Knight of Stowe, cross-country skier Andrew Newell of Shaftsbury, honorary Vermonter Jimmy Cochran of the famed Olympic ski family in Richmond, and countless other athletes who have trained, studied, or lived in Vermont and competed in Turin.

I would also like to acknowledge two Olympians who are currently serving our country in the Vermont National Guard: SP Jeremy Teela and SGT Tuffield "Tuffy" Latour. An Alaskan, Jeremy competed in the biathlon in Turin, while Tuffy coached the U.S. Men's bobsled team.

We are very lucky in Vermont to have the privilege of watching and following such an impressive group of athletes. There are many reasons why our small State has so many top-tier competitors but, to steal a line from Hannah Teter, I bet one of those reasons is Vermont's great maple syrup. •

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, with an amendment:

S. 1777. An act to provide relief for the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 335. Concurrent resolution honoring and praising the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on the occasion of its 97th anniversary.

#### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The message further announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S.449. An act to facilitate shareholder consideration of proposals to make Settlement Common Stock under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act available to missed enrollees, eligible elders, and eligible persons born after December 18, 1971, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

The message also announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276h, and the order of the House of December 18, 2005, the Speaker appoints the following members of the House of Representatives to the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group, in addition to Mr. KOLBE of Arizona, Chairman, and Mr. MCCAUL of Texas, Vice Chairman, appointed on February 16, 2006: Mr. DREIER of California, Mr. MANZULLO of Illinois, Mr. DELAHUNT of Massachusetts, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA of American Samoa, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. WELLER of Illinois, Mr. REYES of Texas, Mrs. DAVIS of California, and Mr. FORTUÑO of Puerto Rico.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

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